

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1-7 are pending. Claims 1-7 stand rejected.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

The Office Action sets forth at page 2, paragraph 2, "Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph..." Applicants have appropriately amended claims 1-7. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Office Action sets forth at page 3, paragraph 5, "Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hirose et al..." Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome by the amendments to the claims for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention as recited in claim 1 includes features not disclosed or suggested by Hirose, namely:

A telescopic liquid-ejection device for a vehicle window-washing system ...

...said nozzle comprising...a housing having a turntable portion which includes a liquid outlet in a lateral position and a passage in fluid communication with the hollow inner rod and said liquid outlet, said turntable portion adapted to rotate about its axis to redirect the liquid output from the nozzle...(Emphasis added)

These features are described in applicants' specification, for example, at page 5, lines 11-17.

Applicants' invention is a telescopic liquid-ejection device for vehicle window washing systems that has a turntable portion adapted to rotate about its axis to redirect liquid output from the nozzle.

Hirose et al. is relied upon as "[disclosing] a telescopic liquid ejection device comprising: a hollow outer section 102 connects at one end 113 to a supply source of liquid,

a hollow inner section 124 connects at one end to a steerable nozzle 126, a spring 117, a flattened configuration 128, and at least one assembly configuration 107/141 for fixing the device to a vehicle structure using a fixing element 153..." Applicants respectfully disagree with the overly broad interpretation of this reference, particularly with respect to the conclusion that nozzle 126 is "steerable." Applicants are unable to find any reference whatsoever that the nozzle 126 of the headlamp cleaner assembly of Hirose is "steerable." Such a structural feature would also find little use in a headlamp washer system given the fact that the area for cleaning is very small when compared to the present invention for use with a window washing system. Accordingly, Hirose fails to disclose or suggest certain structural features of applicants' claimed invention, namely:

...said nozzle comprising...a housing having a turntable portion which includes a liquid outlet in a lateral position and a passage in fluid communication with the hollow inner rod and said liquid outlet, said turntable portion adapted to rotate about its axis to redirect the liquid output from the nozzle...(Emphasis added)

Because Hirose et al. fails to disclose each and every element of applicants' claimed invention, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 1 as being anticipated by Hirose is improper, should be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

Claims 2-7 depend upon claim 1 and, thus, are likewise not subject to rejection for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

In addition to its dependency on allowable claim 1, claim 6 includes an additional feature not disclosed or suggest by the Hirose, namely:

... said perimeter of the flattened portion of the nozzle can be substantially adjusted when the hollow inner rod is in said retracted position ...

Hirose is unable to meet this claim element because when nozzle 126 is in the retracted position cover 127 engages housing 140 rendering nozzle 126 inaccessible.

Because Hirose fails to meet this imitation, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 6 be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, applicants submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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